

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2014

RE: S.R. No. 8
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.R. No. 8 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF STATE-
PROVINCE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII
AND THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
reestablishment of state-province relations of friendship between
the State of Hawaii and the Province of Ilocos Norte of the
Republic of the Philippines.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Prior to holding a hearing on this measure, your Committee
posted and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1,
which urges the United States to support the Republic of China's
(Taiwan) participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed
S.D. 1 from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu
and the Hawaii Chinese Association. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to the proposed S.D. 1 from six
individuals. Your Committee received comments on the proposed
S.D. 1 from one individual. Your Committee believes, after review
of the written testimony in opposition to the proposed S.D. 1,
that the opposition misinterpreted the proposed S.D. 1 to instead



support trade between Taiwan and mainland China, which is not the case.

Your Committee finds that President Obama's foreign policy strategy, "Rebalancing to Asia", represents a significant shift in American foreign policy from a Middle Eastern/European focus to an East/South Asian one. The effect of "Rebalancing to Asia", among other things, is that Asia-Pacific countries must integrate into regional economic organizations. Taiwan is a full member of the World Trade Organization and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation. As an industrialized nation, Taiwan aspires to play a more active role in the Asia-Pacific region and to provide more contributions to the international economic community.

If Taiwan joins the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), it will be the sixth largest economy in the TPP. Taiwan is ready and qualified to join TPP as a member to provide more contributions to the Asia-Pacific region. Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. Taiwan would share the fruits of mutual free trade as a member of the TPP, and enhance and strengthen the economic and business ties between the people of Taiwan and the United States.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 8, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 8, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SR8</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">TIA</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">04/14/14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	8	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">Mike Gabbard</div>				
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